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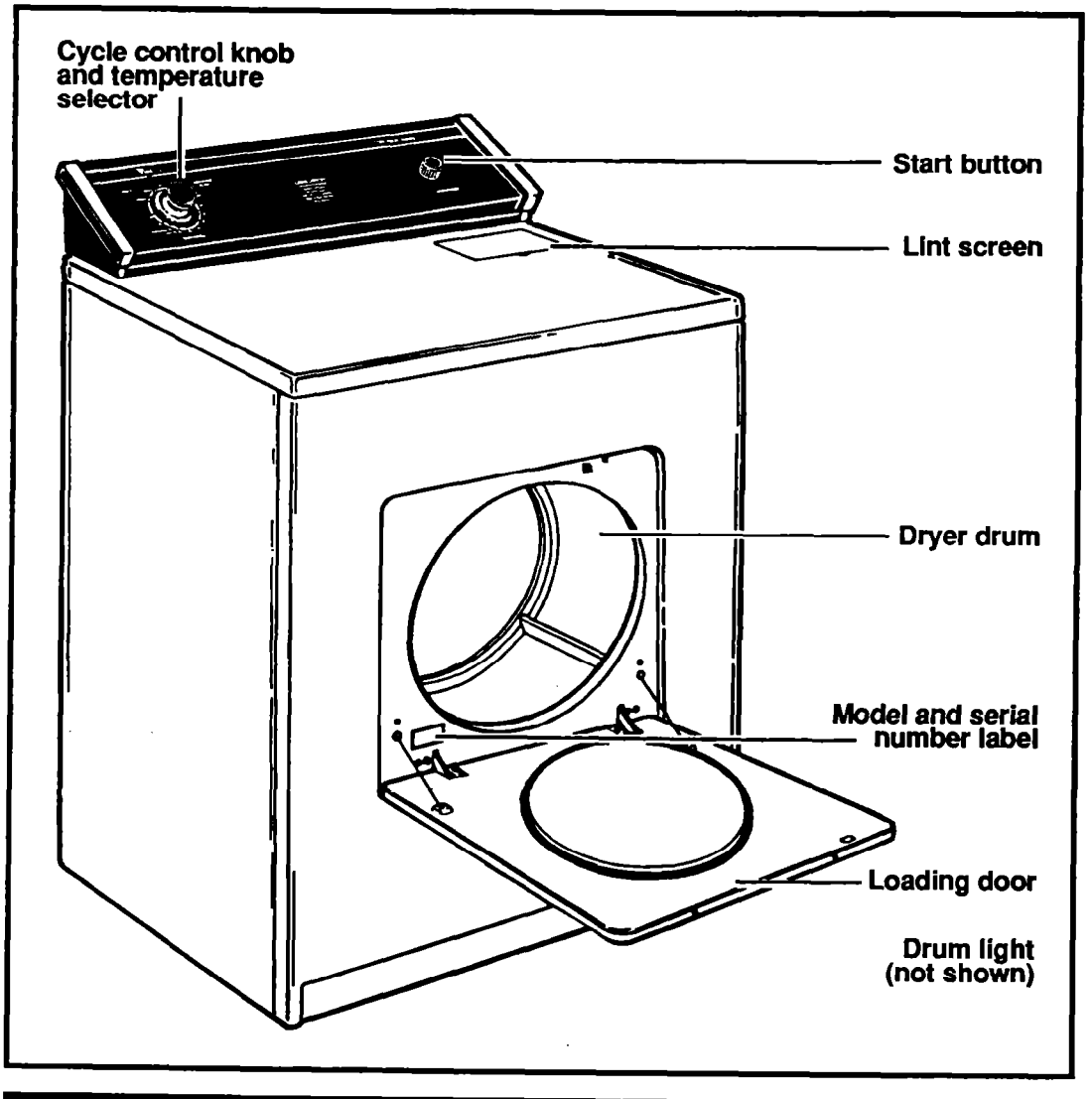
Home Appliances

Use & Care Guide



CUSTOMIZED SERIES
LARGE CAPACITY AUTOMATIC DRYERS
LE6150XS LG6151XS

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If your dryer has a Consumer Buy Guide label, remove it. It will be easier to remove before the dryer is used. To remove any remaining glue:

- Rub briskly with thumb to make a ball, then remove.

or

- Soak area with liquid hand dishwashing detergent before removing glue as described above.

Do not use sharp instruments, rubbing alcohol, flammable fluids or abrasive cleaners. These can damage the finish. See "Important Safety Instructions" on page 3.

NOTE: Do not remove any permanent instruction labels inside the dryer.

You should wipe out the dryer drum with a damp cloth before using to remove dust from storing or shipping.

Thank you for buying a Whirlpool appliance. Please complete and mail the Owner Registration Card provided with this product. Then complete the form below. Have this information ready if you need service or call with a question.

- Copy model and serial numbers from label (on the frame behind the door) and purchase date from sales slip.
- Keep this book, the Dryer Guide and the sales slip together in a handy place.

Model Number

Serial Number

Purchase Date

Service Company Phone Number

FOR YOUR SAFETY

If you smell gas:

1. Open windows.

2. Don't touch electrical switches.

3. Extinguish any open flame.

4. Immediately call your gas supplier.

FOR YOUR SAFETY

Do not store or use gasoline or other flammable vapors and liquids in the vicinity of this or any other appliance. The fumes can create a fire hazard or explosion.

Important Safety Instructions

⚠WARNING **To reduce the risk of fire, electrical shock, or injury to persons when using your dryer, follow basic precautions, including the following:**

- **Read all instructions before using the dryer.**
- **NEVER** dry items cleaned, washed, soaked in or spotted with wax, paint, gasoline or flammable fluids in the dryer. The fumes can create a **FIRE HAZARD** or **EXPLOSION. ALWAYS** hand launder and air dry fabrics containing these materials.
- **NEVER** allow children to operate, play with or crawl inside the dryer. Close supervision of children is necessary when the dryer is used near children.
- **DO NOT** reach into a dryer if the drum is moving.
- When discarding an old dryer, **ALWAYS** remove the door to prevent accidental entrapment.
- **DO NOT** install or store dryer where it will be exposed to the weather.
- **DO NOT** tamper with the controls.
- **You are responsible for making sure that your dryer** is installed, repaired and has parts replaced by a qualified person.
- Use only fabric softeners specifically labeled as not being harmful to the dryer.
- **FIRE HAZARD** and **DAMAGE** to materials can result from:
  - drying rubber, rubber-like and heat sensitive materials with heat.
  - allowing lint build-up inside the dryer or exhaust system. Cleaning should be done periodically by a qualified person.
- Clean lint screen before or after each load.
- **DO NOT** let dust, lint, paper, rags, chemicals, etc. pile up around or under the dryer.
- Dryer must be electrically grounded. See the Installation Instructions.

– SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS –

Additional safety instructions and your responsibilities

- **NEVER** operate the dryer if:
  - it is not working right (i.e. noisy, too hot).
  - it is damaged.
  - parts are missing (i.e. door latch).
  - all panels are not in place.
  - the lint screen is loose, damaged or missing.
- **ALWAYS** shut off the gas valve before leaving on vacation if you have a gas dryer.
- **ALWAYS** unplug the power supply cord or turn off electrical power before attempting to service the dryer. Shut off GAS VALVE if you have a gas dryer.
- **You are responsible for making sure that your dryer:**
  - is properly maintained.
  - is properly installed and leveled on a floor that can support the weight in a well ventilated room.*
  - is located in an area where the temperature is above 45°F (7°C).
  - is connected to the proper outlet and electrical supply.*
  - is properly connected to fuel and exhaust systems.*
  - is not installed against drapes or curtains.*
  - is used only for jobs normally expected of home clothes dryers.
  - is not used by anyone unable to operate it properly.

*See the Installation Instructions for complete information.

Operating Instructions

Starting your dryer

Be sure to refer to the chart below and the Dryer Guide for proper sorting, loading and control setting information before starting your dryer.

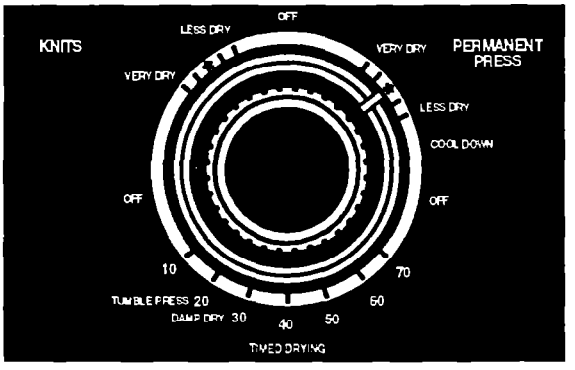
NOTE: Do not overdry. Overdrying can cause shrinkage, static cling, and damage some fabrics.

TYPE OF LOAD	SUGGESTED CYCLE
Cottons and linens	
EXTRA HEAVY–Bedspreads, mattress pads, quilts	PERMANENT PRESS
HEAVYWEIGHT–Towels, jeans, corduroys, work clothes	PERMANENT PRESS
MEDIUMWEIGHT–Sheets, pillowcases, cotton underwear, diapers	PERMANENT PRESS
LIGHTWEIGHT–Batistes, organdies, lingerie	PERMANENT PRESS
Permanent press, synthetics and blends	
HEAVYWEIGHT–Work clothes, jackets, raincoats	PERMANENT PRESS
MEDIUMWEIGHT–Shirts, play clothes, sheets, slacks	PERMANENT PRESS
LIGHTWEIGHT–Lingerie, blouses, dresses	KNITS
Knits	
HEAVYWEIGHT–Cottons, rayons, blends, T-shirts, slacks, shirts	KNITS
MEDIUMWEIGHT–Synthetics (polyester, acrylic, etc.), dress slacks, skirts, sweaters	KNITS
LIGHTWEIGHT–Synthetics (polyester, acrylic, etc.) and blends, lingerie, blouses, dresses	KNITS
Delicate fabrics	
Sheer curtains (2 or 3 panels), gauze, lace, etc.	KNITS

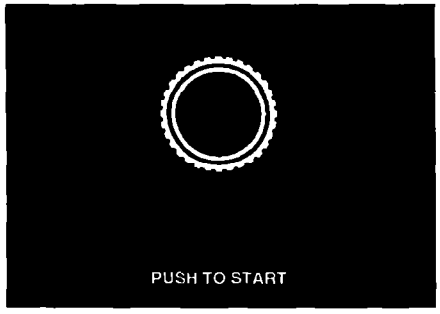
⚠WARNING **Fire Hazard**

Drying rubber, plastic and other heat-sensitive materials with heat can damage them or be a FIRE HAZARD.

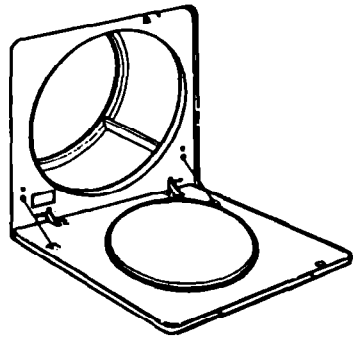
Rubber, plastic, heat-sensitive fabrics	Line Dry
FOAM RUBBER–Pillows, bras, stuffed toys	(See Dryer Guide)
PLASTIC–Shower curtains, tablecloths	
RUBBER-BACKED RUGS	
OLEFIN, POLYPROPYLENE, SHEER NYLON	



1. **Select a cycle** by turning the Cycle Control Knob either way. Stop when the indicator on the knob's outer ring points to the cycle and setting you want. See pages 6-7 for further cycle information.

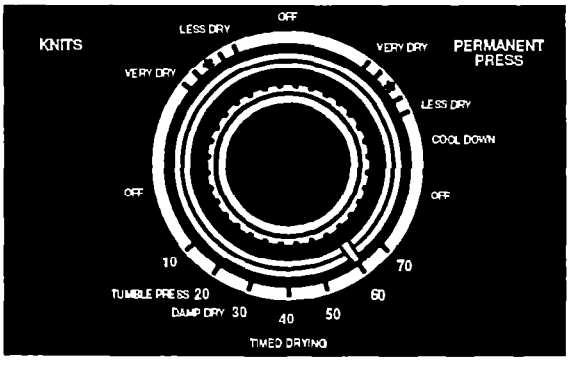


2. **Push the Start Button** to start the dryer.



To stop and restart the dryer

- Open the door or turn the Cycle Control Knob to OFF to stop the dryer.
- Close the door, select a cycle (if necessary) and push the Start Button to restart the dryer.



To change the cycle and/or time, turn the Cycle Control Knob either way to point to a new setting.

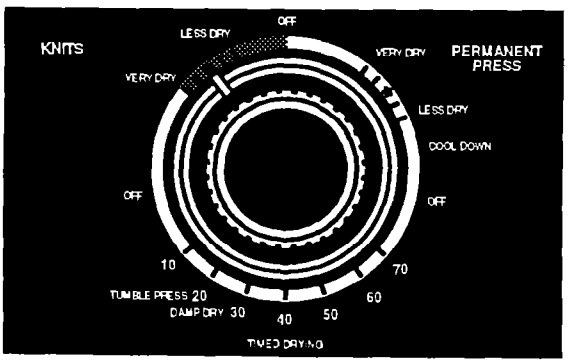
The Cycle Control Knob should point to an OFF area when the dryer is not in use. If the dryer is stopped before the cycle is finished, turn the Cycle Control Knob to an OFF area.

The automatic cycles

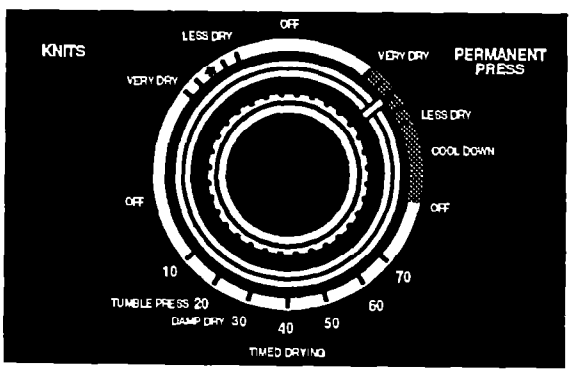
The automatic cycles allow you to select the degree of dryness you prefer for the clothes being dried.

The automatic DRY-MISER® control is a thermostat that senses the dryer air temperature. The dryer automatically shuts off when the selected dryness is reached.

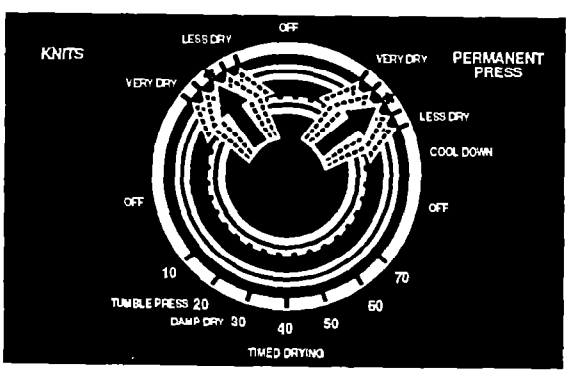
The Cycle Control Knob will not move until the clothes load is almost dry, or the cool-down portion of the cycle has been reached. After the cool-down portion is complete, the Cycle Control Knob automatically moves to an OFF area and tumbling stops.



Use KNITS to dry knitted items and lightweight delicate fabrics. The load tumbles without heat during the last 5 minutes. This helps make the load easier to handle.



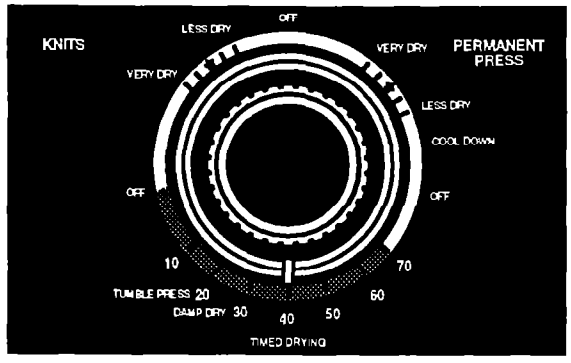
Use PERMANENT PRESS to dry permanent press, cottons, blends and other synthetic items. The load tumbles without heat during the last 10 minutes. This helps keep wrinkles from setting in and makes the load easier to handle.



For the first few loads, set the Cycle Control Knob to point to the * in either automatic cycle. When the dryer stops, feel the dried items.

- If items are drier than you like, use a setting to the right of the * the next time you dry a similar load.
- If items are not as dry as you like, use a setting to the left of the * the next time you dry a similar load.

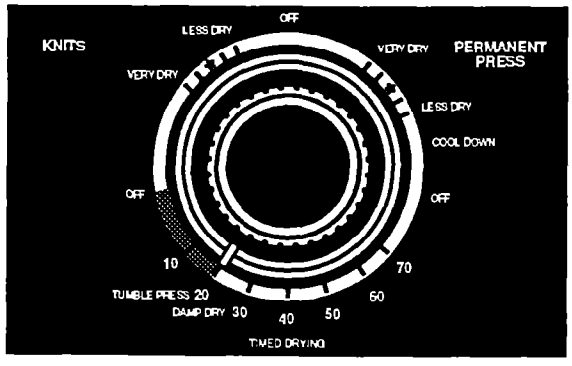
NOTE: Overdrying can cause shrinkage, static cling and damage to some fabrics.



TIMED DRYING

Use the TIMED DRYING cycle for any load you want to dry by time. This cycle is designed for small loads, large bulky items or items to be fluffed or dusted.

Turn the Cycle Control Knob to the number of minutes you want from 10 to 70. The last 5 minutes of this cycle are without heat to help make the load easier to handle.



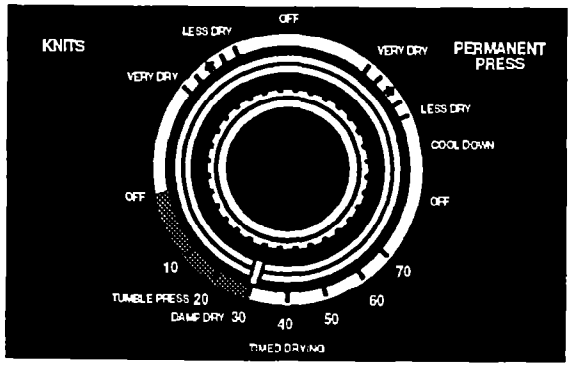
Using TUMBLE PRESS®

The TUMBLE PRESS setting removes wrinkles from clothing that has been packed in a suitcase or closet, and from items not removed from the dryer at the end of a cycle.

1. Set the Cycle Control Knob on TUMBLE PRESS.
2. Push the Start Button.

The load will tumble in heated air for 10 minutes. Then the dryer will tumble the clothes for 10 more minutes without heat.

For best results, put only a few items at a time in this cycle. As soon as the dryer stops, put the items on hangers or fold them.



Using DAMP DRY

Use this setting to dry damp items that do not require an entire drying cycle, or to dry items to damp level. (Two examples are heavy cottons, such as jeans, which you do not want to become stiff, or cotton clothes which are easier to press when damp.)

1. Set the Cycle Control Knob on DAMP DRY.
2. Push the Start Button.

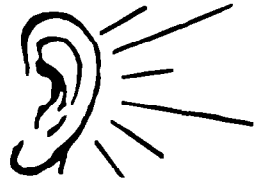
The dryer tumbles the load with heat for 20 minutes, then without heat for 10 minutes.

Additional Dryer Features

Gentle Heat system

For better fabric care, the Gentle Heat system helps prevent overdrying. Drying temperatures are automatically reduced to a lower heat setting during the last few minutes of drying.

Gentle Heat is followed by a cool-down period in all cycles to make your clothes easier to handle.



End-of-cycle signal

The dryer sounds a signal to let you know when the cycle is finished. The signal cannot be turned off and is not adjustable.

The signal is helpful when you are drying permanent press, synthetics and other items that should be taken out as soon as the dryer stops.

Lint signal

Clean the lint screen before each load. A signal will sound if you neglect to clean your lint screen. The signal (a whistle tone) lets you know the airflow is restricted. Restricted airflow reduces drying efficiency.

Turn off the dryer and clean the lint screen as shown on page 9.

Caring For Your Dryer

⚠CAUTION

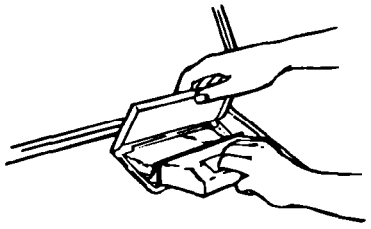
Product and Fabric Damage Hazard

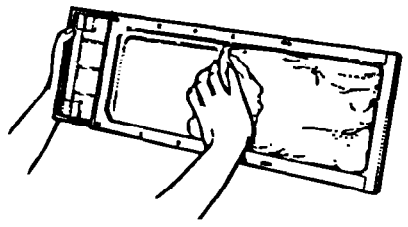
Do not run the dryer with the lint screen loose, damaged, blocked or missing. Doing so can cause overheating and damage to both the dryer and fabrics.

Cleaning the lint screen

The lint screen is located under a lid on top of the dryer. **Clean it before each load.** A screen blocked by lint can increase drying time.

1. Open the lid and pull the lint screen straight out.



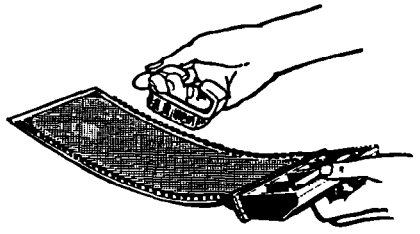


2. Roll lint off the screen with your fingers. Do not rinse or wash the screen to remove lint. Wet lint is hard to remove.
3. Push the lint screen firmly back into place and close the lid.

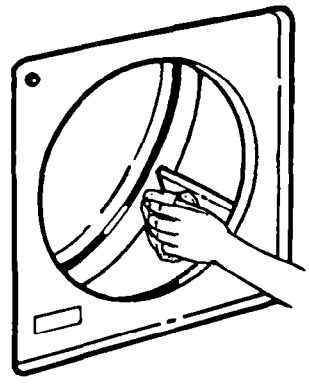
Lint screen maintenance

Laundry detergents and fabric softeners can cause a residue build-up on the lint screen. A clogged lint screen can extend drying times. Clean the lint screen every six months or more frequently if it becomes clogged due to a residue build-up. Use the following method:

1. Wet both sides of lint screen with hot water.
2. Wet a nylon brush with hot water and liquid detergent.
3. Scrub lint screen with the brush until all residue build-up is removed.
4. Rinse with hot water.
5. **Thoroughly** dry lint screen with a clean towel and replace in dryer.



Cleaning the dryer



⚠WARNING

Electrical Shock and Personal Injury Hazard

- **Turn off the electrical power before cleaning the interior.**
- **Make sure the dryer is cool.**

Failure to do so could result in electrical shock or injury.

Fire Hazard

- **Use non-flammable cleaner.**

Failure to do so could result in an explosion.

Garments which contain unstable dyes, such as denim blue jeans or brightly colored cotton items, may discolor the dryer interior.

To remove stains from dryer drum use one of the following methods:

Powdered laundry detergent

1. Make a paste with detergent and very warm water.
2. Apply paste to a soft cloth and scrub area until all excess dye is removed.
3. Wipe thoroughly with a damp cloth.
4. Tumble a load of rags to dry.

Liquid non-flammable household cleaner

1. Apply to stained area.
2. Rub with a cloth until all excess dye is removed.
3. Wipe thoroughly with a damp cloth.
4. Tumble a load of rags to dry.

To clean dryer exterior:

Wipe with a soft, damp cloth.

Lint removal

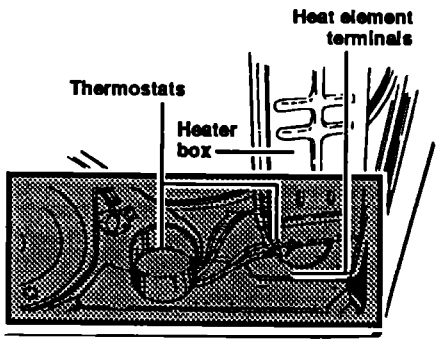
Lint can gather inside the dryer and be a fuel for fire. It is recommended the lint be removed every 2 to 3 years, or more often, depending on dryer usage. Cleaning should be done by a qualified person. If you have any questions, please call our Consumer Assistance Center at 1-800-253-1301.

⚠WARNING

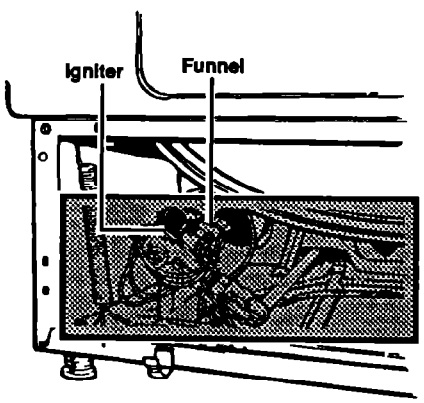
Electrical Shock and Personal Injury Hazard

- **Unplug the power supply cord or turn off the electrical power before removing dryer panels.**
- **Make sure the dryer is cool.**
- **Dryer parts can have sharp edges. Use care when handling.**
- **When replacing front panel after lint removal, the wire clips holding the door switch wires must be anchored to top of front and side panels. Wires MUST NOT touch rotating drum. (See page 12, step 7.)**

Failure to do so could result in electrical shock or personal injury.



Electric dryer with back panel removed

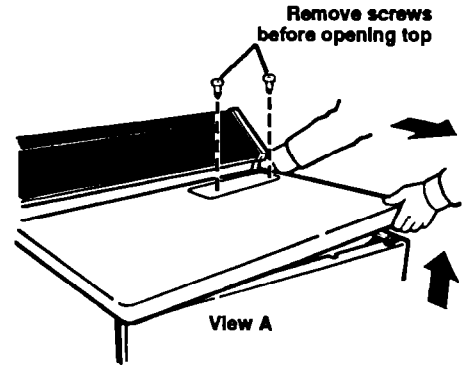


Gas dryer with lower front access panel removed

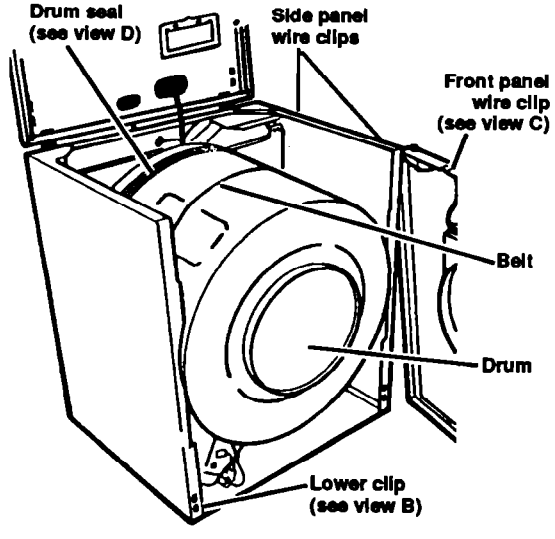
If your dryer is electric, or is gas and has a lower front access panel:

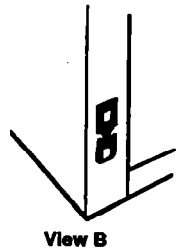
1. Unplug the power supply cord or turn off the electrical power.
2. Remove back panel (electric) or lower front access panel (gas). See Installation Instructions.
3. Remove lint from shaded area in illustration with a soft brush or vacuum cleaner. Avoid damaging wires, thermostats (electric), funnel (gas) or igniter (gas).
4. Replace panel; reconnect and relevel dryer, if necessary.

NOTE: See page 12 if your dryer is gas and has a full front panel.



View A





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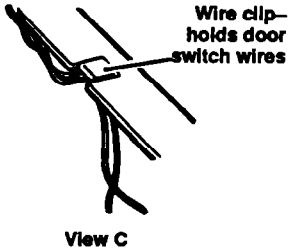

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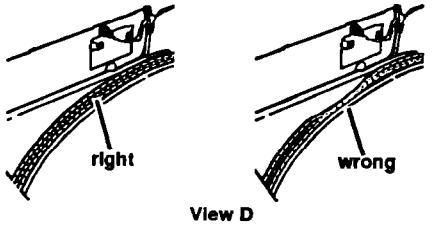


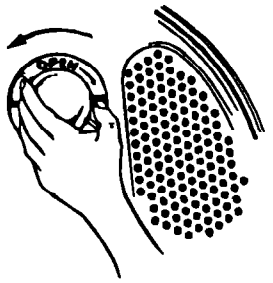
View D

If your dryer is gas and has a full front panel, remove front panel as follows:

1. Unplug the power supply cord or turn off the electrical power.
2. Open lint screen lid. Remove two screws in lint screen area.
3. Open top by pulling forward and up at each front corner (see view A). Rest raised top against wall behind dryer (top is hinged at rear).
4. Remove two internal screws from front panel flanges (near top front corners). Lift front panel slightly, lifting off lower clips (see view B). Slowly pull front panel forward, disengaging panel from drum. (Drum will drop slightly.)
5. Move front panel aside and rest edge against side of dryer. Avoid disconnecting wire clips (see view C) or damaging wires.
6. Remove lint from area shown in "gas dryer" illustration on page 11 with soft brush or vacuum cleaner. Avoid damaging wires, funnel or igniter.
7. Reassemble in reverse order. Before closing the top, check the following:
   - Drum seal must be flared out (see view D) and properly positioned against panel at back of drum. Rotate drum counterclockwise one full turn to check drum seal.
   - Belt should be centered and tight on dryer drum.
   - Wire clips which hold the door switch wires must be anchored in slot in top of front panel (see view C) and along top edge of side panel. Door wires must not touch drum when dryer is operating. **See Warning, page 11.**
8. Replace top panel and lint screen screws. Top and front panels must be securely in place before operating dryer.
9. Reconnect power and level dryer again (if necessary).

NOTE: Call Consumer Assistance at 1-800-253-1301 for assistance or more information.

Changing the drum light



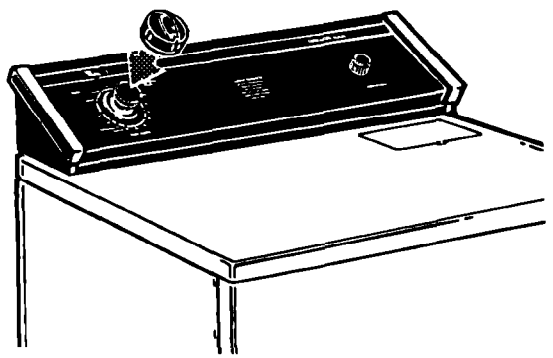
⚠WARNING

Electrical Shock and Fire Hazard

- **Before removing light bulb, either unplug the dryer or disconnect the dryer at the main power supply.**
- **The bulb cover must be in place during dryer operation to prevent overheating and possible damage to fabrics. Operating the dryer with the bulb cover removed can cause the dryer to fail or create a FIRE HAZARD.**

1. Unplug the dryer or disconnect the electricity leading to the dryer at the main power supply.
2. Open the dryer door and remove the light bulb cover from back wall of the dryer. Turn the cover clockwise to remove.
3. Remove the light bulb by turning it counterclockwise.
4. Replace the bulb with a 40-watt appliance bulb only.
5. Replace the light bulb cover and lock in place by turning counterclockwise.
6. Reconnect power supply.

For Visually and Physically Impaired Consumers



Whirlpool offers you:

- **Easy to read** Control panel instructions.
  NOTE: The control panel also includes Braille labels.
- **Easy to read** Use and Care literature.
- **Easy Grip Knob**–Kit No. 309211
  For consumers who have difficulty turning the Cycle Control Knob, an Easy **Grip Knob** kit is available. The kit includes easy to grip rubber control knob covers for both your dryer and matching washer (LA6150XS). If ordering for both appliances, order only one kit.

For visually impaired consumers, audio cassettes and braille Use and Care literature are also available. Order kit number(s) listed below:

- **Braille Use and Care literature**
  Kit No. 787481
- **Audio cassette Use and Care literature**
  Kit No. 787482

To order any of these materials, please write to:

Whirlpool Corporation
Attention: Customer Service Department
1900 Whirlpool Drive
LaPorte, IN 46350

If You Need Service Or Assistance

We suggest you follow these steps:

1. Before calling for assistance ...
Performance problems often result from little things you can find and fix yourself without tools of any kind.

If your dryer does not run:

- Is the power supply plugged into a live circuit with the proper voltage?
- Is the door closed tightly?
- Did you push the Start Button?
- Have you checked your home's main fuses or circuit breaker box?

If your dryer does not heat:

- Is the Cycle Control Knob set to a mark to the left of 20 minutes in the Timed Drying cycle? The last 10 minutes are without heat.
- The last minutes of heat settings are without heat.
- If you have a gas dryer, is the gas turned on? If not, turn the Cycle Control Knob to OFF. Turn on gas. Wait 5 minutes. Reset controls and start.
- The circuit supplying an electric dryer circuit uses 2 breakers or 2 fuses. If one breaker is tripped or one fuse is blown, the dryer may run, but not heat.

If drying time seems too long:

- Is the lint screen clean? See page 9 for cleaning instructions.
- Is the exhaust duct or outside exhaust hood clogged? Clean if needed.
- See the Dryer Guide.

2. If you need assistance*...
Call Whirlpool Consumer Assistance Center telephone number. Dial free from anywhere in the U.S.:

1-800-253-1301

and talk with one of our trained consultants. The consultant can instruct you in how to obtain satisfactory operation from your appliance or, if service is necessary, recommend a qualified service company in your area.

If you prefer, write to:

Mr. William Clark
Consumer Assistance Representative
Whirlpool Corporation
2000 M-63
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Please include a daytime phone number in your correspondence.

3. If you need service*...

Whirlpool has a nationwide network of authorized Whirlpool[SM] service companies. Whirlpool service technicians are trained to fulfill the product warranty and provide after-warranty service, anywhere in the United States. To locate the authorized Whirlpool service company in your area, call our Consumer Assistance Center telephone number (see Step 2) or look in your telephone directory Yellow Pages under:

APPLIANCES - HOUSEHOLD - MAJOR - SERVICE & REPAIR

ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES - MAJOR - REPAIRING &PARTS

OR

WASHING MACHINES, DRYERS & IRONERS - SERVICING

WHIRLPOOL APPLIANCES
AUTHORIZED WHIRLPOOL SERVICE

SERVICE COMPANIES
XYZ SERVICE CO
123 Maple.....999-9999

4. If you need FSP® replacement parts*...

FSP is a registered trademark of Whirlpool Corporation for quality parts. Look for this symbol of quality whenever you need a replacement part for your Whirlpool appliance. FSP replacement parts will fit right and work right, because they are made to the same exacting specifications used to build every new Whirlpool appliance.

To locate FSP replacement parts in your area, refer to Step 3 or call the Whirlpool Consumer Assistance Center number in Step 2.

5. If you are not satisfied with how the problem was solved*...

- Contact the Major Appliance Consumer Action Panel (MACAP). MACAP is a group of independent consumer experts that voices consumer views at the highest levels of the major appliance industry.
- Contact MACAP only when the dealer, authorized servicer and Whirlpool have failed to resolve your problem.

  Major Appliance Consumer Action Panel
  20 North Wacker Drive
  Chicago, IL 60606
- MACAP will in turn inform us of your action.

*When requesting assistance, please provide: model number, serial number, date of purchase, and a complete description of the problem. This information is needed in order to better respond to your request.

WHIRLPOOL®
Automatic Dryer Warranty

DR006

LENGTH OF WARRANTY	WHIRLPOOL WILL PAY FOR
FULL ONE-YEAR WARRANTY From Date of Purchase	FSP® replacement parts and repair labor to correct defects in materials or workmanship. Service must be provided by an authorized Whirlpool℠ service company.

WHIRLPOOL WILL NOT PAY FOR

A. Service calls to:
1. Correct the installation of the dryer.
2. Instruct you how to use the dryer.
3. Replace house fuses or correct house wiring or plumbing.
4. Replace light bulbs.

B. Repairs when dryer is used in other than normal, single-family household use.

C. Pickup and delivery. This product is designed to be repaired in the home.

D. Damage to dryer caused by accident, misuse, fire, flood, acts of God or use of products not approved by Whirlpool.

E. Repairs to parts or systems caused by unauthorized modifications made to the appliance.

WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES. Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages so this limitation or exclusion may not apply to you. This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

Outside the United States, a different warranty may apply. For details, please contact your authorized Whirlpool distributor or military exchange.

If you need service, first see the "Service and Assistance" section of this book. After checking "Service and Assistance," additional help can be found by calling our Consumer Assistance Center telephone number, **1-800-253-1301,** from anywhere in the U.S.

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